

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 10, 2009 MINUTES

On Tuesday, March 10, 2009, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:40 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners David Schulz, Chairman, Jim Hart, Vice-Chair, and Marilyn Ross present. Laurie Buyan, Administrative Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Marilyn Ross moved to approve the March 3, 2009, minutes with corrections. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Debbie Rogers, Anna Cossel, Rick Schlenker, Jason Davis, Barbie Durham, Vicki Tilstra, and Charity Fechter.

Bathroom Repairs at the Museum: Debbie Rogers, Vigilance Club, met with the Board to discuss repairs for the bathroom at the Museum. Debbie stated that, at the request of the Chamber of Commerce and the Heritage Commission, there would be an Information Center in the Thompson-Hickman Museum. Because they anticipate increased public traffic, there is a need for a public bathroom in the facility. Debbie asked that Madison County donate \$1000 for the project. Debbie will get a written estimate of the cost of fixtures and labor. The Board will ask Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, to accompany them in inspecting the facility to see what repairs are needed and if there might be funding opportunities for future upgrades.

Liability Insurance Renewal: Anna Cossel, HUB International Insurance, met with the Board to discuss renewal of Liability Insurance for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Anna and the Board reviewed property, vehicle, and equipment lists, and discussed Protection Classification for fire protection. Anna stated that lowering the Protection Classes may lower premiums for the County and others in these protected areas. Anna will provide the Board with information to determine how to improve NCCI ratings. Following review of updated schedules, Marilyn Ross moved to approve the Montana Association of Counties Property and Casualty General Liability Insurance renewal for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Jim Hart moved to approve the Airport Owners & Operators Liability Policy renewal order for the Ennis-Big Sky Airport and the Twin Bridges Airport. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Marilyn Ross moved to approve the Montana Association of Counties Workers' Compensation Trust Agent Appointment/Service Agreement with Putman and Associates. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Madison Valley Manor Project: Rick Schlenker and Jason Davis, Schlenker and McKittrick Architects, met with the Board to discuss plans for the Madison Valley Manor renovation project. Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, and Vicki Tilstra, Chief Financial Officer, were also present for this portion of the meeting. Rick and Jason reviewed the schedule for the project with advertising to begin on March 26, 2009, and a proposed completion date of September 15, 2009. Those present reviewed drawings, discussed proposed material, and reviewed bid specifications and proposed contract documents. David Schulz asked if it might be more cost effective to replace glass doors with a partial wall and smaller windows. Rick and Jason will discuss this option with Tom Burt, Madison Valley Manor Maintenance, and Judy Melin, Madison Valley Manor Administrator. They will also discuss acceptable work hours at the facility. Because it is a residential facility early morning hours or late evening work hours may not be acceptable. Rick Schlenker stated that Tom Burt would be the most logical choice as the contact person for the project. The Board concurred. Barbie stated that she is continuing to look for funds to help with the project. David Schulz stated that the Nursing Homes foundation is also requesting donations for the project.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

Airports – Ennis Airport Improvements Project: David Schulz stated that at the March 9, 2009, Airport Board meeting Rick Donaldson and Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia and Associates, reported that they were close to closing out this project and had brought the gates for the culverts. David Schulz stated that Peccia is working hard to conclude this project for Madison County.

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Airports – Fuel Supply Contract: The Board discussed the proposed fuel supply contract with City Service Valcon for the Ennis Airport. Jim Hart discussed the contract with Greg Jackson, MACo Insurance Trust Administrator. Jim will contact City Service about necessary changes to the contract.

County Road #42: The Board reviewed a letter written by Jim Hart regarding County Road #42. The Board will review procedures for road petitions before sending the letter.

Vacating Pankey House: Marilyn Ross moved to send a letter notifying Lucie Sonderer, Cielo Properties, that Madison County would be vacating the Pankey House on or before June 1, 2009, in accordance to the lease agreement. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Agenda Topics for Gallatin / Madison Joint Meeting: The Board discussed topics to be put on an agenda for a joint Commission meeting with Gallatin County to be held in Big Sky, Montana, on April 29, 2009. Topics included Transportation Issues on Highway 191 and 64; Big Sky Transit; Employee Housing; TMDL Study on the Gallatin River; Zoning or Incorporation across County lines; RID on Ousal Falls Road; Law Enforcement; and Public Safety Committee.

Public Discussion: The Board received a call from Dan McCauley, Great West Engineering, regarding the grandstands at the Fairgrounds in Twin Bridges. Marilyn Ross stated that Greg Jackson, MACo Insurance Trust, had been contacted and that as Madison County's insurer, they will contact an Engineer to inspect the grandstands as a second opinion of the determination by Great West that the grandstands are unsafe for public use.

RID Maintenance Program Engineering Contract: The Board reviewed proposals from four engineering firms for maintenance programs on Madison County Rural Improvement Districts. Charity Fechter, Planning Director, was present for this portion of the meeting and presented the Board with a spreadsheet with comparisons of the proposals. The Board will further review the proposals before making a determination.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next regular Commission meeting will be held on March 17, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: March 17, 2009

Minutes prepared by:

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